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Sir:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION YO

TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

In the matter of the above-identified application, a response to the Office Action of March 13, 2002 was due, with a three month extension, by July 13, a Saturday. Applicants' response is being submitted on July 15, a Monday, and, together with Applicants petition for three months of extension, is therefore timely.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application mailed on March 13, 2002 be extended by three (3) months, such that the term for response expires on Monday, July 15, 2002. It is believed that three month(s) of extension is sufficient. However, should the Commissioner decide that any further extension is required, petition for same is hereby made and authorization to charge additional fees is given below.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-1445 the amount of \$920.00 and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17. Two copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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